

**REMARKS**

**Restriction Requirement**

The Office Action requires restriction of the pending claims 1 – 19 to one of two allegedly patentably distinct inventions. Applicants elect the invention identified as “Group I” in the Office Action, drawn to a method for salting out chitosan. Group I includes claims 1 – 12.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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